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**Subject:** RE: Comments on the Air Quality Impacts of the Proposed SPOT Terminal

Thanks. We'll need to put this back on the RA's radar. I can mention it to her. Taim is working on getting an updated briefing memo from ARD.

**Delia Iris Gonzalez (she/her/ella) (please call me Iris)**

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**Subject:** RE: Comments on the Air Quality Impacts of the Proposed SPOT Terminal

Hi Iris,

I've got it. I just asked Sherry for an ethics check. I have attached the delegation document to this email. Either way it goes, we have to draft a letter to the Maritime Administration informing them of Dr. Nance's decision. We are the permitting authority in federal waters. By statute, the decision to approve or disapprove is predicated on the project obtaining the necessary CAA and CWA permits. I have previously mentioned this one to Dr. Nance.

Hope this helps.

Taim.

Taimur A. Shaikh, Ph.D.

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**Subject:** Fwd: Comments on the Air Quality Impacts of the Proposed SPOT Terminal

Hi Team,

Who is leading on this one? Has the meeting request been sent to ORC for ethics review?

If EPA takes action, the deadline is October 7<sup>th</sup> so we need to formulate a response to this asap. Given the tight turnaround, we may need ARD to lead the response with ORA support.

Looping in ARD for awareness.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Amy Dinn <[ADinn@lonestarlegal.org](mailto:ADinn@lonestarlegal.org)>  
**Date:** September 21, 2022 at 11:07:59 AM MDT  
**To:** "Gonzalez, Iris" <[Gonzalez.Iris@epa.gov](mailto:Gonzalez.Iris@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Erin Gaines <[egaines@earthjustice.org](mailto:egaines@earthjustice.org)>  
**Subject:** Comments on the Air Quality Impacts of the Proposed SPOT Terminal

Iris,

I wanted to make you aware of this request that was submitted to EPA earlier this week for a meeting with EPA Regional Administrator Nance and David Garcia of the Air Permits Division.

Please let me know if you have any questions or follow up. I hope you are doing well.

Thank you

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**From:** Erin Gaines  
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**Subject:** RE: Comments on the Air Quality Impacts of the Proposed SPOT Terminal

Thank you, Taimur.

Please find attached the completed meeting request form regarding the SPOT Terminal and the two letters we have previously sent as background material. I am also cc'ing Sue Davis and James Turk per the instructions on the form.

We really appreciate your attention to this time-sensitive matter at such a busy time. Please don't hesitate to let me or Robin know if you have any questions or if we can provide any additional information.

Best,  
Erin

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**Cc:** Robin Schneider <robin@texasenvironment.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Comments on the Air Quality Impacts of the Proposed SPOT Terminal

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Good afternoon Erin,

I appreciate your patience as we move through a very busy time. Please fill out the attached form and we'll move forward on this as soon as possible.

Thanks so much.

Taim.

Taimur A. Shaikh, Ph.D.

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**From:** Erin Gaines <egaines@earthjustice.org>  
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**Cc:** Robin Schneider <robin@texasenvironment.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Comments on the Air Quality Impacts of the Proposed SPOT Terminal

Good afternoon Mr. Shaikh,

I'm following up on my email and Robin Schneider's request below to set up a meeting with EPA about the SPOT air comments we submitted. Please let us know if there are times available next week for a call and I can coordinate on our end.

Best,

Erin

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**From:** Robin Schneider <[robin@texasenvironment.org](mailto:robin@texasenvironment.org)>  
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Mr. Shaikh,

I wanted to make sure that you see these documents. We would like an opportunity to speak with Dr. Nance at her earliest convenience. As you are probably aware, the deadline for the EPA Administrator to weigh in on this license is October 7.

Robin Schneider (she/her/hers)  
Executive Director  
Texas Campaign for the Environment/TCE Fund

Want to schedule a meeting with me? <https://calendly.com/robin-tce>

On Thu, Sep 15, 2022 at 5:28 PM Erin Gaines <[egaines@earthjustice.org](mailto:egaines@earthjustice.org)> wrote:

Regional Administrator Nance and Director Garcia,

Please find attached comments submitted by Citizens for Clean Air and Clean Water, Texas Campaign for the Environment, Earthjustice, and Sierra Club regarding the air quality impacts of SPOT Terminal LLC's proposed deepwater offshore loading terminal off of Brazoria

County, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (Docket No. MARAD-2019-0011) and the Clean Air Act (Permits Docket No. EPA-R06-OAR-2019-0576, Permit Nos.: R6PSD-DWP-GM7, R6T5-DWP-GM7, and R6NOMA-DWP-GM7).

We hope to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss these comments and our requests for EPA.

Best,

Erin

Attached: Comments and Attachments A-E

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